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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Austin

A RESOLUTION congratulating Ryan Nees as the recipient of the 2006 Sunshine Award.

Whereas, The Sunshine Award is presented annually by the Society of Professional Journalists in recognition of the contributions in the area of open government;

Whereas, The Society of Professional Journalists, the largest association of working media professionals in the world, was founded in 1909 as Sigma Delta Chi to promote "the free flow of information vital to a well informed citizenry";

Whereas, Ryan Nees was nominated for his Sunshine Award based on "his youth, tenacity, understanding of the law,

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and his courage in the pursuit of public records";

Whereas, Ryan Nees, a Western High School student from Kokomo, requested a list of city-compiled e-mail addresses;

Whereas, After being denied a copy of the e-mail list, Ryan Nees filed a civil suit;

Whereas, In an 11-page ruling, the court stated that the list is a public record and Ryan Nees is entitled to a copy; and

Whereas, Ryan Nees is an extraordinary young man whose interest in government at such an early age indicates the citizen he will become, one who is involved and active in his state: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 congratulates Ryan Nees on being selected a recipient of the 2006
- 3 Society of Professional Journalists' Sunshine Award
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Ryan Nees and his
- 6 family and the Society of Professional Journalists.

